STATE OF MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE OFFICE OF CONSUMER PROTECTION

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MEMO

TO:

CHAIRMAN JOHN SINRUD, HOUSE APPROPRIATION COMMITTEE

FROM:

MATTHEW DALE, OFFICE OF CONSUMER PROTECTION (OCP)

DATE:

16 JANUARY 2007

RE:

HB 15, IDENTITY THEFT PREVENTION & ENFORCEMENT FTE

As requested at the 01/11/07 hearing, I am providing the committee with additional details re: the 2 requested OCP positions. If more detail is desired, please let me know.

GOALS:

- To reach a minimum of 4 groups and/or 50 individuals per month with ID theft/consumer protection information
- To process/follow up on 5 ID theft complaints/questions per week
- To develop an ID theft curriculum and related materials with special focus on specific audiences such as senior citizens and school-aged youth
- To receive training necessary to serve as the Department of Justice's experts on ID theft

MAJOR PARTNERS (Will assist with logistics, materials and/or training opportunities)

- AARP
- State Auditor's office
- Montana Senior Citizen's Association
- Office of Public Instruction
- MT Sheriff's and Peace Officers Association
- MT County Attorney's Association
- MT Bankers Association
- MT Independent Bankers Association
- MT Credit Union Network

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POSITION REQUIREMENTS

- Ability to travel 50% of each month (regionally and statewide)
 - o 20% of travel will be spent in rural communities
- Excellent public speaking skills; experience as a trainer
- Excellent writing skills
- Knowledge of protocols for both prevention and prosecution of ID theft

COSTS

- Positions funded at pay band level 5 [appx. \$33,000/year + fringe = \$42,000 each]
- Rent [\$12,000], phone [land \$1440] [cell \$600], LAN [\$1752] = \$15,792
- Start up costs [furniture, computer, etc.] = \$5,500
- Travel [mileage, motor pool, lodging, per diem] = \$13,560
- Printing, copying, office supplies = \$1,500

TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES = \$86,000 first year

\$88,000 subsequent years

TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES = \$36,352 per year –first year

\$30,852 per year – subsequent years

PERSONAL SERVICES + OPERATING EXPENSES = \$122,352 [first year]

PERSONAL SERVICES + OPERATING EXPENSES = \$118,852 [subsequent years]